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News and Events

[HLC Forums Begin Next Week](#)

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend an open forum about the Higher Learning Commission site visit. For your convenience, eight HLC forums have been scheduled. The dates, times, and locations of the eight forums are provided below.

As outlined in the March 11 edition of GSU View, HLC granted our university full accreditation in 2009. With that accreditation came a prescriptive recommendation for a 2013 HLC Focused Visit in the areas of "assessment and institutional effectiveness, including attention to general education and comparative outcomes for students in online programs." In preparation for the Focused Visit, GSU provided the HLC site team with a Focused Visit Report as evidence of the remarkable work that has taken place on campus in response to the 2009 Self-Study.

Additionally, this visit includes the final step in the approval process for our plan to welcome lower division students in fall 2014. As a part of the final step in the approval process, a Substantive Change Report was submitted to describe GSU's planned change in student body composition. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to read the posted reports at their earliest convenience.

The scheduled forums will provide the university community with an opportunity to ask questions about both the Focused Visit Report and the Substantive Change Report. The questions and conversations will help us prepare for the HLC visit and help us shape a series of Town Hall gatherings that will be planned for spring and fall related to welcoming our "FC14" (First Class 2014) students. Questions can be directed to the Provost's Office.

HLC forums will be held:

- Tuesday, March 26, 9:30 a.m., Cafeteria Annex
- Wednesday, March 27, 2:30 p.m., Engbretson Hall
- Tuesday, April 2, 9:30 a.m., Cafeteria Annex
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- Wednesday, April 3, 9:30 a.m., Cafeteria Annex
- Tuesday, April 9, 2:30 p.m., Cafeteria Annex
- Wednesday, April 10, 9:30 a.m., Hall of Honors
- Wednesday, April 10, 2:30 p.m., Hall of Honors

Regalia – Buy Now or Rent Later

GSU is proud to announce the university's official Custom Academic Regalia Purchase Program. Many prominent schools design their own distinctive regalia for their faculty, the administration, and staff in academic appointments to wear during Commencement, Convocation, and other ceremonies. GSU is now part of that distinguished group.



A great number of GSU faculty, administration, and staff members are expected to debut their new regalia at this year's Commencement on Saturday, June 8.

You can check for updates regarding Regalia on the Commencement website.

GSU regalia fitting takes place April 2 and 3, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in E-Lounge. Interested persons can be measured for regalia, place orders, and make payments at this event. If you are unable to attend, please contact [Karen Caesar-Smith](#) at 708.534.6360.

The university will no longer provide rented regalia to faculty, staff, or administrators. If faculty, staff, or administrators are planning on participating in Commencement, they will either need to purchase regalia (if they don't already own their own regalia) or rent regalia (at their own cost).

GSU Alumni Club Forms in China

Governors State University graduates in Guangzhou, China, have formed a GSU Alumni Club. Club members recently met in Guangzhou with Dr. Gebeyehu Ejigu, Executive Vice President, and Dr. Steve Shih, Professor of Computer Science, Chair of the Science Division, and Chair of the university's Global Affairs Committee.



Alumni Club, Guangzhou, China

During his Fulbright stay in China in the Fall, 2012, semester, Dr. Ejigu met with GSU alumni in Guangzhou. At that time, they promised to form a GSU alumni club.

"I was delighted to observe first hand that our alums hold high the GSU spirit across the oceans all the way to Guangzhou, China, and inspired by their strong commitment to stay connected," Dr. Ejigu said.

Siqi "CK" Wu, who graduated from GSU with an MBA in 2012, is president of the Alumni Club. She served as a senator on GSU's Student Senate during the 2011-2012 academic years.

In the photo, seated in the front row are, left to right: Siqi Wu, Dr. Ejigu, Dr. Shih, and Sydney Zhang. Standing in the back row are, left to right: Cheng "Vincent" Wei Yu, Tom Xie, Zutao Shao, and Ruohuai "Roger" Zheng.

Educational Trip to China

Join the College of Education on an educational trip to China in May, 2013. The two-week trip will focus on education and psychology, with visits to South China Normal University in Guangzhou, a variety of cultural events and exchanges, trips to see the Terra Cotta Warriors and the Great Wall of China, and much more.

Learn more at information sessions on Tuesday, March 26, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., in E-Lounge, and Wednesday, March 27, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., at the G262 (CBPA Conference Room).

The trip is open to all GSU students, alumni, and community members. Estimated cost of the trip including all transportation, lodging, and some meals is approximately \$2,500 to \$2,700. Exact dates, itinerary, and cost will be determined soon.

RSVP for Historic Prairie Place Groundbreaking

On Friday, April 5, there is only one place you want to be at 3:30 p.m. – the groundbreaking ceremony for Prairie Place, GSU's first on-campus housing. This historic event is open to all members of the campus community.



The groundbreaking will take place at the Prairie Place site, the west side of the university's main entrance road, kitty-corner from the Paul statue.

RSVP by March 31 for the Prairie Place groundbreaking at 708.534.6364 or pperdue@govst.edu.

Prairie Place is designed as a living-learning environment that will enhance students' experience at Governors State University. All units, both apartment and suite style, will be furnished. Apartment units will have fully-equipped kitchens. Trained resident assistants will be on the premises at all times. Community space will include floor lounges, study rooms, a classroom, a laundry room, vending machines, a service desk, and community kitchens. Cable and Internet services will be available throughout Prairie Place.

Prairie Place will be ready for occupancy in Summer, 2014.

Instant Admission Day – March 23

GSU's Office of Admission and Student Recruitment is hosting an Undergraduate Instant Admission Day on Saturday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Representatives from the Offices of Admission, Financial Aid, and Career Services will be on hand to answer questions and guide prospective students through the application process. Academic advisors will be available to answer questions about fully-accredited, high quality bachelor's degree programs offered in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business and Public Administration, Education, and Health and Human Services.

Applications for all undergraduate degree programs, except art and nursing, will be

accepted and processed immediately. Attendees are asked to bring official transcripts. The undergraduate application fee is \$25.

Application deadlines apply to some undergraduate programs. Visit www.govst.edu/degree for admission and deadline information about programs of interest.

Campus tours and financial aid information sessions for full and part-time students will also be available at Instant Admission Day.

For more information, call 708.534.4490 or visit www.govst.edu/admissionsvp.

Coffee Hour Offers Tribute to Women's Contributions

Women's History Month at GSU continues with *International Coffee Hour: Women and Innovation in a Global Society*, on Tuesday, March 26, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

The coffee hour is sponsored by Student Life, the Office of International Services, and the International Cultural Organization.

Presentations will be made on the many contributions that women, all around the world, have made in the areas of science, politics, and human rights.

Refreshments will be served.

Write to Learn is Brown Bag Topic

The next Faculty Scholarship & Teaching Center Brown Bag Workshop, on Wednesday, March 27, focuses on innovative methods for helping students improve their writing. The session takes place from noon to 1 p.m. in the Hall of Honors.

Kerri Morris, this year's Faculty in Residence Kerri Morris, will present *Write to Learn*.

Writing Across the Curriculum doesn't have to mean facing a stack of papers that requires time-intensive grading. Students can improve their writing and improve their learning of content material by writing in class without instructor feedback or with brief, focused feedback.

This workshop will focus on techniques and strategies to using writing to learn in your classroom and to improve your students' understanding of content material.

Bring a syllabus for your course and learning objectives to get the conversation going. Leave with teaching and learning strategies that use writing to help your students learn.

For more information, contact Faculty Scholarship & Teaching Center coordinators [Tony Labriola](#) and [Raven James](#).

Health Care Leadership in Age of Reform



Dr. Ann Blouin

GSU's Student Healthcare Management Association will sponsor a presentation by Dr. Ann Scott Blouin, RN, Ph.D., FACHE, Executive Vice President of Customer Relations, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, on Tuesday, April 2, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Dr. Blouin will discuss *Leadership in an Era of Health Care Reform: Quality and Patient Safety Implications*. She has more than 30 years of health care administration, consulting, and nursing experience, and has held several leadership positions.

Dr. Blouin has also published and taught at nursing and medical schools and serves on the National Patient Safety Foundation Board of Governors.

The event is free and open to the public.

Seeking Common Ground on Gun Issues

The GSU Forensics Team will host a panel discussion, *Communicating Possibilities: Reframing the Gun Debate and Finding Common Ground*, on Thursday, April 4, at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

The discussion is part of *Enough is Enough*, a college campaign against violence in our society. It is free and open to the public.

Arness Krause, Forensics Team Coach and Adjunct Professor in the Division of Communication, Visual, and Performing Arts, said the discussion will attempt to reframe the debate over guns in our society. Panel members will address issues surrounding the current debate over guns from their areas of expertise – politics, history, language, and mass media.

Panel members include Dr. David Rhea, Assistant Professor of Communications Studies; Dr. Donald Culverson, Associate Professor of Political Justice Studies; Dr. David Golland, Assistant Professor of History; Arness Krause; and Etta Oben, Forensics Team Graduate Assistant Coach.

Graduate Program Open House – April 6

GSU is hosting a graduate programs open house on Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the G building Lobby. GSU has 35 master's, doctorate, and specialist degree programs, and is experienced at providing graduate education opportunities for working adults.

Information will be available on graduate programs offered in business, public administration, education, psychology and counseling, liberal arts, sciences, and health professions. Program advisors, faculty, and staff will be on hand to answer questions. Information and representatives from Becker, GMAT, and GRE will also be present. Tours of the campus will also be offered.

For more information or to RSVP by April 1, call (708) 534-6979 or visit

www.govst.edu/COE/openhouseRSVP.aspx.

Giant Puppets Headed to CPA on Saturday

Giant puppet actors, joined by timeless storytelling, produce an unforgettable theatre experience for children and their parents when *Aesop's Dinosaur Puppets – The Grasshopper and the Ant*, comes to Governors State University Center for Performing Arts on Saturday, March 23, at 11 a.m.



Aesop's Dinosaur Puppets, presented by Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre, is a Dinosaur Fable that is sure to please both young and old. Aesop's Dinosaur Fable is an original musical production adapted by Bits 'N Pieces from Aesop's well-known tale, *The Grasshopper and the Ant*.

Prior to the show, at 10 a.m., free fables, fairy tales and fantasies from Aesop will be presented. Master storyteller Lynne Clayton will share classic tales in GSU's Engbretson Hall, directly across from the Center for Performing Arts.

Tickets for *Aesop's Dinosaur Puppets* are \$12 to \$17. To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the GSU Center box office at www.centertickets.net or (708) 235-2222.

In a companion event on March 23, GSU's Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park is presenting *Sculpture Rocks* at 2 p.m. Artists, young and old, can share their artistic abilities. Participants can make their own sculpture with wood, pegboard, Carrara marble, wire, cardboard, dowels and markers. NMSP supplies the materials, and some inspiration, and you do the rest. *Sculpture Rocks* is limited to 50 children. The price for materials is \$5. To RSVP, call 708.534.3084.

Salute to Grads - March 27, 28

Attention, soon-to-be graduates. You can get ready for Commencement 2013 at Salute to Grads on March 27 and 28, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

At Salute to Grads, you can pick up your cap and gown, sit for portraits in graduation attire, and get all your Commencement questions answered. Refreshments will be available and vendors will be on hand. You can order a GSU class ring, diploma frames, announcements, and Commencement related items. Learn how to participate in the 2012-2013 class gift and all the advantages in joining the GSU Alumni Association.

For more information about Salute to Grads, call 708.534.4488 or send an e-mail to regoffice@govst.edu.

